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EVENING READING - GUYANA

The New York Times reported on the contents of the Jonestown tapes, allegedly from official American sources. Guyanese officials and the Departments of State and Justice have confirmed the existence of the tape. Ambassador Burke in Guyana is investigating the possibility of a leak from the few American personnel who have heard the tape; thus far all deny talking with the Times. The Ambassador indicates that ~~some~~ several items reported by the Times such as that gunshots can be heard on the tape ~~appear to be~~ are in error. We are referring questions to Justice which is refusing substantive comment.

thus the Times report is at best second or third hand.

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